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SECSTATE PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR TORRICELLI, TRIP DIRECTOR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, (MONDALE, WALTER F.)

SUBJ: VIP'S VISIT ROME

1. PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH HIS HOLINESS HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY REQUESTED FOR 1300 MONDAY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL AUDIENCE AT 1200. WE WILL HAVE AN ANSWER HOPEFULLY THIS P.M.

2. I HAVE HAD A REQUEST FROM THE NINE AMERICAN CARDINALS TO EXPRESS THEIR GREETINGS TO THE VICE PRESIDENT. I WOULD STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT WE DO THIS AND POSSIBLY IT COULD BE DONE AT THE RECEPTION AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FOLLOWING THE INAUGURATION OF THE POPE. THE TIME FOR THE RECEPTION NOW LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE 2015 ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. THIS WILL BE A LIGHT RECEPTION THAT IS AS FAR AS SERVICE IS CONSIDERED, LIGHT HORS D' OEUVRES AND REFRESHMENTS WITH THE BALANCE OF THE US PARTY AND AS YET UNNAMED GUEST WHO IS RESIDING HERE IN ROME. I WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE BESIDES THE US CARDINALS FOUR OTHER AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO ARE ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE INAUGURATION CEREMONIES. THEY WOULD BE THE HEADS OF THE BAPTIST, JEWISH, EPISCOPAL AND LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN THE USA. THIS COULD EASILY BE DONE AS I STATED BEFORE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

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DURING THE RECEPTION. IT IS STRICTLY A GREETING, NO TALKS ARE INVOLVED, AND GOOD PHOTO SESSION. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE FATHER GENO BARONE WHO IS NOW VACATIONING IN NORTHERN ITALY WHO WOULD LIKE TO, IF POSSIBLE, BE INCLUDED IN THE US DELEGATION. HE,

AS YOU KNOW, IS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HUD. HE IS
NOT PUSHING ME AND I WILL UNDERSTAND IF IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE. I WOULD, IN ALL CASES, LIKE TO INVITE HIM
TO THE RECEPTION ON SUNDAY AND POSSIBLY THE TENTATIVE
LUNCHEON ON MONDAY AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

4. HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS WILL FOLLOW FOR OFFICIAL PARTY
THIS P.M. WILL FORWARD THE BALANCE OF THE ASSIGNMENTS
AS SOON AS WE GET A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL
PARTY FROM YOU. MURRAY.HOLMES

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